Since our founding as St. Helen’s Hall in 1869, every student has been shaped by the generosity and vision of our community. From the land and buildings to the endowment, generations of generous families and individuals have created the school that serves today’s students.

Every day OES students explore their individual and collective power for good, connect to the world around them, create ways to help others, and commit to lifelong service. OES delivers a program that opens the heart and changes lives.

The same is true of our philanthropists who have continuously served as role models to our students and our community, giving back selflessly so OES students flourish. These leaders teach us about compassion and show us a commitment that truly serves the greater good.

Without the committed supporters who enable OES, we wouldn’t be who we are today.

That’s why philanthropy matters.

Generations of Generosity

Since the 1800s, philanthropy has been the cornerstone of OES’s growth and success. We celebrate the generosity that has been a part of this community for over 100 years.

The Beginning and Lower School is a critical component of an OES education. The experienced students help teach the power of their own curiosity and by the foundation for a lifelong love of learning.

Our buildings have served us well since 1964, but were not designed with the collaborative space and flexibility today’s curriculum requires.

This campaign is creating an environment in which our students can learn, our curriculum can grow, and our teachers can expand and evolve the classroom experience for the next 50 years and beyond. Together, we can support generations to come.

The investment in the Beginning and Lower School will make our community stronger, yet it will only be possible with generous support from all of our families, alumnae/i, and friends. With your help, our young people might just change the world.
Transforming OES through Philanthropy

1965 – Campus construction continues, adding the Chapel and Belltower, additional dorms and completion of the gym. The decade-long relocation and expansion program costs $5 million, some of which the School carries as debt.

1962 – Carl and Mary Reynolds are instrumental in the procurement of funds for the campus buildings. Bishop Dagwell Hall opens on the campus of St. Helen’s Hall in fall 1965.

1964 – Immediately after acquiring the land, Second Century Fund to eliminate the debt incurred in building the new campus.

1972 – St. Helen’s Hall and Bishop Dagwell Hall join, establishing a coeducational institution under the name of Oregon Episcopal Schools. In 1974 it was renamed Oregon Episcopal School.

1973 – Cornie Stevens, Campaign Chair, and Headmaster Rev. David Leech enthusiastically show the results of the School’s growth of OES’s science research curriculum and the need for a world-class facility.

1983-87 – The Winningstad Engineering is established by a generous gift from Norman and Dolores Winningstad, setting the stage for the continued growth of OES's science research curriculum and the need for a world-class facility.

1986-88 – OES completes campaigns to purchase the Sports and Recreation Center (SPARC), adding 12.26 acres to the campus with outdoor tennis courts and 43,000 square feet of indoor sports.

1990-93 – The Spruce-Up the Campus Campaign raises $250,000 for renovations and upgrades around the campus and builds the Aardvark Fun Park. An anonymous donation of $500,000 helps to renovate SPARC.

1995-97 – The Middle School moves into Meyer Hall, named to honor the memorial trust, and Bishop Dagwell Hall is renovated for fine arts.

1998 – The Platt Global Classroom, a technology-rich classroom which enhances access and increasing enrollment, helps our students connect to the world and help them to be the gold standard.

2001-03 – The Campaign for OES $7.2 million to establish an Upper School building for math, science and technology, later renamed The Drinkward Center.

2005-07 – The vision and leadership of Don and Missy Drinkward is recognized for their generosity to this project and support throughout their years as OES parents.

2006 – More than 120 donors help fund the installation of synthetic turf on W. R. Lake Field, the main athletic events field. The new field greatly improves conditions for OES sports teams. Pictured are Wayne Drinkward and Don Morissette at the dedication of the new turf field.

2008 – More than 150 families donate to transform an asphalt lot into Aardvark Community Park, a creative and imaginative outdoor play area and gathering space.

2009 – Auction special appeal raises approximately $3.7 million. Missy and Peter Drinkward are recognized for their outstanding leadership and generosity to this endeavor.

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2012 – The athletic fields are enhanced by two new structures: Aardy’s Hut (concession stand) and a Press Box. Space outside will allow additional bleachers in the future. Pictured: Major contributors Donna Knight and Don Morissette.

2013 – Open Up is the campaign to build our new Beginning and Lower School. It will provide the kind of learning and leadership environment our children need to build a future only open minds can imagine. The campaign is the most ambitious school-wide fundraising effort in OES history. With generous support from our friends, alumni and friends, we can make it happen. Help us continue the tradition of giving that has transformed OES.

Your philanthropy matters.